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The Honorable Stuart Symington
Acting Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Symington:

Herewith is a statement on the Tammy Arbuckle
article in today's Washington Star-News. I hope this
will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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CIA's activities in Cambodia are purely in the field of intelligence. CIA has always distinguished paramilitary from intelligence activities and has not engaged in paramilitary activities in Cambodia. CIA's intelligence coverage of the countryside in Cambodia results from a review made during March by all departments in Washington concluding that intelligence was not adequate. As a result, higher authority directed CIA, on the basis of an interagency recommendation, to send CIA officers to five towns in Cambodia. These personnel are included in the authorized total of 200 U. S. personnel in Cambodia at any one time. In their intelligence collection activities, the CIA personnel in the countryside do work with Cambodian government and military officials in order to obtain reports of activity in the countryside. CIA has no authority or intention to extend this activity into paramilitary activities.